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For: INGAP PROTEIN INVOLVED IN PANCREATIC ISLET NEOGENESIS

) Group Art Unit: 1652

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner
For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have yet to receive a first action on the merits. Applicants request that the following amendments be entered prior to examination. The commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for four additional independent claims and eight additional total claims to our deposit account no. 19-0733.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 29-36.

29. A preparation of a polypeptide which comprises a sequence of at least 15 consecutive amino acids selected from amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said polypeptide is a portion of INGAP protein.

30. The preparation of claim 29 wherein the polypeptide comprises a sequence of at least 15 consecutive amino acids selected from amino acids #103 to #122 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 2.

31. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a preparation of a polypeptide which comprises a sequence of at least 15 consecutive amino acids selected from amino acids shown in

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